



Stockport School

SAILS AND OARS

Summer 2026 Edition

A Letter from Headteacher



Dear Parents, Carers, and Students,

Welcome to our final edition of 'Sails and Oars' this academic year, which as we break up for the summer holiday, we once again share some of the amazing work, activities, and achievements of our school community that have taken place during the final few weeks of the year.

In this edition, we have a theme based around the recognition of new beginnings, personal achievements, and as ever, upon the celebration of our vibrant school community. Within this edition we include a new feature, where we include a selection of staff who share their thoughts on the school's values and vision and of their own personal contributions through their roles towards the development and success of the school. To get this feature started, it includes several of my Senior Leadership and Pastoral team members, and in the future, there may well be contributions from many other staff members across the school.



It has been another incredibly eventful and productive term and Sails and Oars showcases a vast array of activities involving so many of our students and staff happily engaging in enriching activities that bring such life to the school curriculum, and which will hopefully also leave joyful long-lasting memories for our students in the future.

In this final edition of the 2025/26 academic year, I would like to congratulate and thank all members of our community, including students, staff, parents/carers and governors, for their incredible enthusiasm, dedication, commitment, and resilience in helping us to continually improve the school in terms of opportunity, provision, and standards. As individuals and together as a school community, we have again supported each other and have gained great strength from our unity.

I would now very much like to wish all of our students, parents/carers, and staff, all the very best for an enjoyable and thoroughly well-deserved summer holiday. I hope that you are able to enjoy it safely and happily with your friends and family, proud in your knowledge of what you have been able to achieve and contribute this year. I very much look forward to seeing you all again, safely back in school in September.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes

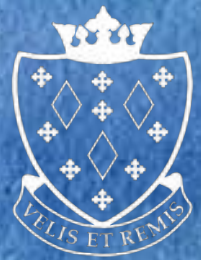
Mr I. R. Irwin
Headteacher





The Next Chapter





Every chapter of school life brings new opportunities, fresh challenges and exciting possibilities.

This summer marks the beginning of a new chapter for Stockport School, with a newly appointed Senior Leadership Team, students reaching important milestones in their educational journeys, and staff embracing new initiatives and experiences.

This edition will celebrate the many ways our school community is moving forward, from new beginnings and personal achievements to transitions, partnerships and aspirations for the future.



Introducing some of our staff

Meet some of the members of staff who have shared their journeys, values and vision for the future of Stockport School. More introductions will follow in future editions.



Miss Irwin

Associate Deputy Headteacher

Your Key Responsibilities

As Associate Deputy Headteacher, my role focuses on ensuring that every student feels safe, supported and able to thrive. I am the Designated Safeguarding Lead and work alongside colleagues that help remove barriers to success, including mental health and wellbeing, children who are looked after, young carers and alternative provision. I am also part of the careers team, supporting students as they explore future pathways and opportunities. Alongside these responsibilities, I continue to teach Food and Nutrition, which is a part of my role that I genuinely love, as it allows me to work directly with students in the classroom every day.





Miss Irwin

Associate Deputy Headteacher

What attracted you to your current role at Stockport School, and what excites you most about the future?

It was its strong sense of community and it's commitment to helping every student achieve their potential. From my first visit, it was clear that the school is filled with warm and friendly staff and students and that the school places students at the heart of every decision. What excites me most about the future is the opportunity to continue building on our school's PROUD values and ensuring that all young people leave school with the confidence, skills and experiences they need to succeed in whatever path they choose.

If you could achieve one positive change for our school community over the next few years, what would it be?

If I could achieve one positive change, it would be to ensure that every student feels a genuine sense of belonging and knows that there is always someone in school who believes in them. When students feel safe, valued and connected, they are more likely to take opportunities, overcome challenges and achieve things they may never have thought possible. Creating an environment where everyone feels they belong would have a lasting impact on our entire school community.



Miss Irwin

Associate Deputy Headteacher



What is the best piece of advice you have ever received?

"Focus on what you can control and don't waste energy worrying about what you can't." This advice has helped me both professionally and personally. There will always be challenges and unexpected situations but concentrating on the actions we can take often leads to the best outcomes.

Which book, film, podcast or TV programme would you recommend and why?

I would recommend *The Handmaid's Tale* and *The Testaments* by Margaret Atwood. They are thought provoking, brilliantly written and raise important questions about society, power and individual freedoms. I have also really enjoyed the television adaptations, which bring the stories to life in a powerful way.



What is one item you could not live without during the school day?

My reusable coffee cup! It's fair to say that I'm much more productive after my first coffee of the day.

What would students most likely find you doing outside school?

Travelling would definitely be at the top of the list. I love exploring new places, cultures and cuisines and I have been fortunate enough to visit more than 60 countries so far. Vietnam, Japan and Brazil have been my favourites. Closer to home, you'll often find me out for a walk or trying out new restaurants and cafés. As a foodie, I am always interested in new food trends and I have particularly enjoyed seeing the transformation of Stockport's Underbanks and the boom in our local hospitality. There's a good chance you'll spot me in one of the latest café openings enjoying an oat milk flat white on a Sunday morning!

Miss O' Gara

Assistant Headteacher - Director of Attendance, Equality and Opportunity



Your Key Responsibilities

My role is the Assistant Headteacher - Director of Attendance, Equality and Opportunity. There are a lot of different parts to this role, and I am responsible for overseeing Free School Meals and Pupil Premium, Attendance and Punctuality, Trips and Visits, Student Leadership, PSHE including SMSC, FBV and RSE, coordinating the Enrichment programme and Personal Development.



If you could achieve one positive change for our school community over the next few years, what would it be?

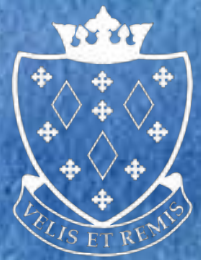
To cement a sense of belonging around our Stockport School Community where students want to be here each and every day.

What attracted you to your current role at Stockport School, and what excites you most about the future?

I enjoy working with the students and families in our Stockport School community. My role has a wide and varied impact on a student's future and how they will use the skills which they have learnt within the school in their adult lives. I also enjoy being able to facilitate experiences which students which might not have otherwise had. I am excited about the opportunities we can bring to our students in the future and seeing them make the most of their time here at Stockport School.

Miss O' Gara

Assistant Headteacher - Director of Attendance,
Equality and Opportunity



What is the best piece of advice you
have ever received?

Aim for the stars and enjoy life. You
never know what tomorrow might
bring.

Which book, film, podcast or TV
programme would you recommend
and why?

I love The Stand by Stephen King. As
with all King's books it blends vivid
characters with gripping suspense.

What would students most likely
find you doing outside school?

Playing with my children! I have
two boys, who are about to move in
years 2 and 6. I also enjoy playing
netball, swimming and the last race
I ran was the Manchester Half
Marathon in October 2025.

What is one item you could not live
without during the school day?

My blue bag... it's like my classroom
but on my back!



Mr Griffith

Associate Assistant Headteacher



Your Key Responsibilities

I lead the science department, ensuring students at Stockport School are equipped with the knowledge and skills to understand the impact of science on their lives through engaging, challenging and inspirational experiences. I co-ordinate and support STEM experiences, facilitating students to gain experience in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Developing their awareness and interest in STEM careers.

If you could achieve one positive change for our school community over the next few years, what would it be?

Support our Stockport School students to enter the world of STEM careers, where appropriate, and for them to enjoy and have success.

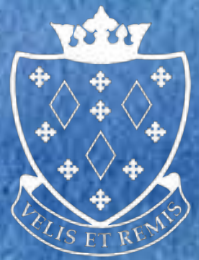


What attracted you to your current role at Stockport School, and what excites you most about the future?

I naturally grew into the role from leadership roles in science. It is an extremely important role for me, to promote STEM subjects and their career pathways to students. Some students will follow into this area, but for others, it is important that they are aware of the impact of STEM in their lives and how knowledge in this area can inform their future decision-making.

Mr Griffith

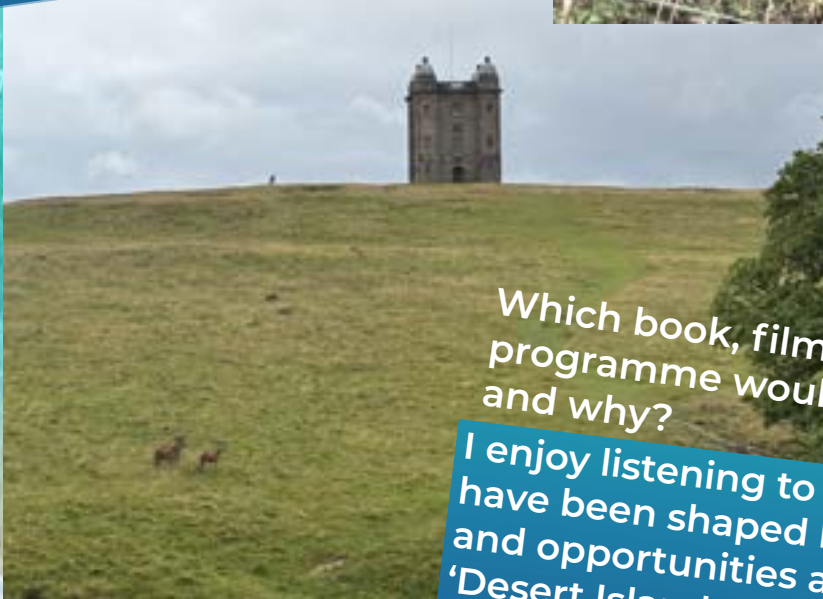
Associate Assistant Headteacher



What is the best piece of advice you have ever received?
"You cannot change what other people do, only how you act around them".



What would students most likely find you doing outside school?
Walking. Especially around Chester Zoo or in green space like Lyme Park or, even better, alongside the sea.



Which book, film, podcast or TV programme would you recommend and why?

I enjoy listening to how other people's lives have been shaped by their experiences and opportunities and the bbc podcast 'Desert Island Discs' is on the current playlists on my weekend morning walks.

What is one item you could not live without during the school day?

I would love to say a very interesting piece of science equipment, but I cannot survive without my planner. I am lost without it!

Mr Sanchez

Associate Assistant Headteacher - Director of Inclusion



Your Key Responsibilities

I lead on inclusion across the school, with a particular focus on ensuring that every student experiences consistently high quality classroom practice. My responsibilities include curriculum development, staff development, behaviour and attitudes and working closely with pastoral and SEND teams to ensure that our provision is ambitious, equitable and responsive to need. I also contribute to strategic planning, quality assurance and the ongoing development of a positive, aspirational school culture.

What attracted you to your current role at Stockport School, and what excites you most about the future?

I was drawn to Stockport School because of its strong sense of community, its commitment to inclusion and its ambition for every student to thrive academically and personally. The role offered the opportunity to contribute to meaningful school improvement while working with talented colleagues who share a clear moral purpose. The next few years present a real opportunity to deepen our culture of excellence and ensure that Stockport School continues to be a place where students flourish.

If I could achieve one significant change, it would be to embed a truly inclusive culture where every student, regardless of background, need or starting point feels a strong sense of belonging and sees themselves reflected in the curriculum, the environment and the opportunities available. A school where inclusion is not an initiative but a lived reality would transform outcomes, relationships and the long term confidence of our young people.

If you could achieve one positive change for our school community over the next few years, what would it be?



Mr Sanchez

Associate Assistant Headteacher - Director of Inclusion



What is the best piece of advice you have ever received?

"Be the person you needed when you were younger."
It's a reminder that leadership is ultimately about service, empathy and modelling the values you want others to experience.

Which book, film, podcast or TV programme would you recommend and why?

I would recommend Silent Witness. I'm drawn to the way the team pieces together complex information to uncover the truth. The combination of forensic detail, problem solving and the determination to understand what really happened resonates with me.

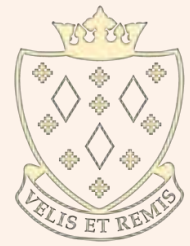
What would students most likely find you doing outside school?

Students would probably find me spending time with family and friends, supporting Liverpool Football Club and DJing! I value time that helps me reset, reflect and return to school with clarity and energy.



What is one item you could not live without during the school day?

My notebook/diary.
It's where I capture ideas, actions, observations and reflections. In a fast paced school environment, it keeps me grounded, organised and focused on what matters most.



New Perspectives

Getting to know
our staff in New Roles



New Mental Health & Wellbeing Team



We are delighted to introduce our new Mental Health & Wellbeing Team, who are dedicated to supporting the emotional wellbeing of our students, families, and staff.

The team brings together a wealth of experience and a shared passion for ensuring that every member of our school community feels supported, listened to, and valued.

Our Mental Health & Wellbeing Team includes:



Ms Crewdson



Mrs Chilton



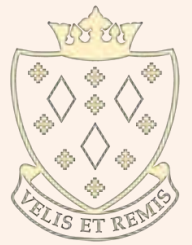
Miss Irwin

Together, they are committed to promoting positive mental health across the school, helping students access the right support, and working alongside staff and families to create a caring and inclusive environment.

As part of this work, we will soon be introducing regular parent drop-in sessions. These sessions will provide an opportunity for parents and carers to share any concerns they may have about their child's wellbeing and receive guidance on how we can support them. Parents will also have the opportunity to speak with members of our SEND and Attendance teams, ensuring that families can access a range of support in one place.

Miss Goddard

Head of Year 7



Congratulations on your new role! Can you tell us a little about it?

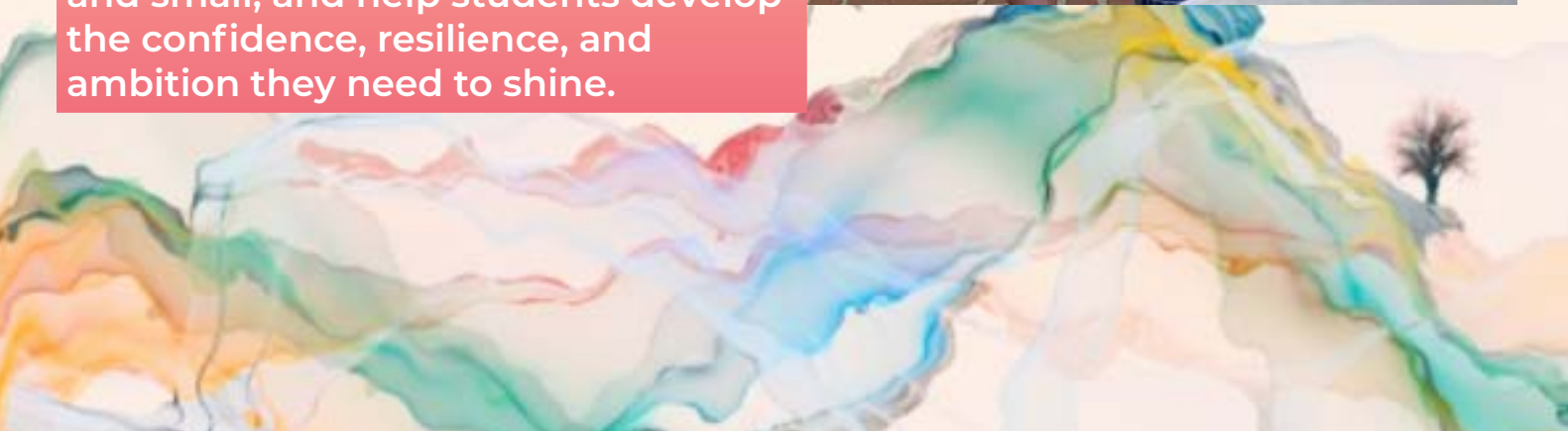
I'm incredibly excited and PROUD to of taken on the role of Head of Year 7. It's a fantastic opportunity to support students throughout their journey at Stockport School, celebrate their successes, help them through challenges, and make sure they feel happy, valued, and inspired every day.

What inspired you to take on this new opportunity?

What inspired me most was the chance to have an even bigger positive impact on students' lives. I've always loved building strong relationships with young people and supporting them as they grow in confidence. This role gives me the opportunity to work directly with an entire year group and help create some incredible experiences and memories along the way.

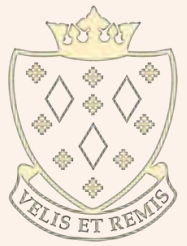
What do you hope to achieve during your first year in the role?

I want every student to feel like they belong and that they can achieve amazing things. I'd love to build a strong sense of community within the year group, celebrate successes big and small, and help students develop the confidence, resilience, and ambition they need to shine.



Miss Goddard

Head of Year 7



What has been your proudest moment at Stockport School so far?

It's difficult to pick just one moment! For me, the most rewarding experiences have been seeing students achieve something they once thought was out of reach. Watching their confidence grow and seeing them realise what they're capable of is an incredible feeling and one of the reasons I love working in Stockport School.

What do you enjoy doing when you're not at school?

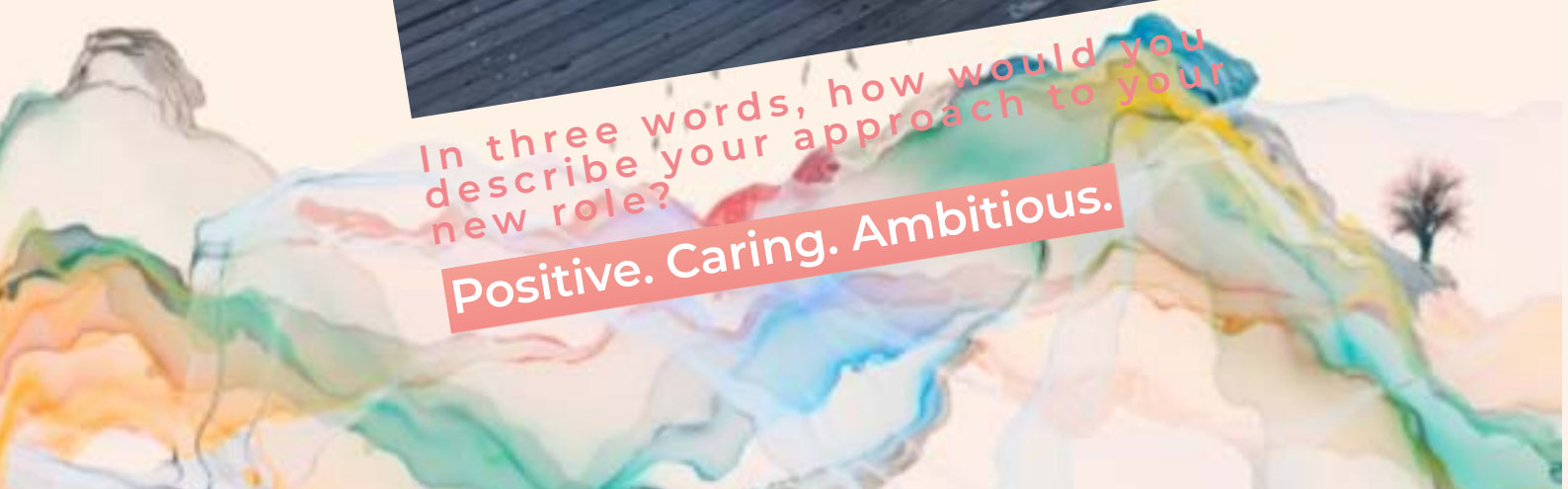
When I'm not at school, I enjoy spending quality time with family and friends, keeping active and finding opportunities to switch off and recharge. I also enjoy anything that gets me outdoors and making the most of my free time. I am the happiest when I am with my babies!

What is one fun fact about yourself that most people don't know?

I'm a huge car enthusiast and can happily spend hours talking about cars, watching car reviews, or spotting interesting models when I'm out and about. If there's a conversation about cars nearby, I'll probably find my way into it!

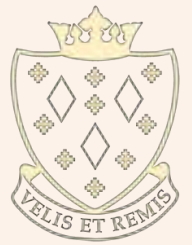
In three words, how would you describe your approach to your new role?

Positive. Caring. Ambitious.



Mrs Andrew

Interim Behaviour Manager



Congratulations on your new role! Can you tell us a little about it?

I am the Behaviour Manager – I run IntEx, giving students work from the curriculum and working through different lessons each period so they don't fall behind/filling in gaps of learning. I work in restorative and try and help students and staff build better relationships to avoid repeat on-calls etc. I also arrange offsite directions and ready to learn



What inspired you to take on this new opportunity?

I have always wanted to work within the pastoral department and make a positive change helping students achieve their best and have happy memories at school.

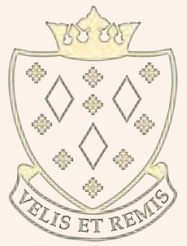
What do you hope to achieve during your first year in the role?

I want to see better relationships between students and staff, with a decline in students having detentions, being on-called and being placed in IntEx.



Mrs Andrew

Interim Behaviour Manager



What has been your proudest moment at Stockport School so far?

All the fundraising I have been able to do for Dementia and Stockport NHS Charity.

What do you enjoy doing when you're not at school?

Spending time with my husband and children.
Running and going to the gym.



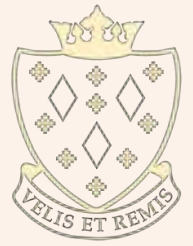
In three words, how would you describe your approach to your new role?

Structured. Inclusive. Kind.

What is one fun fact about yourself that most people don't know?

I am very good at DIY and love to build things. I have recently completed building a summer house in my garden.





Stories that
broaden horizons,
challenge
thinking and
inspire fresh
ideas.



Creative works and ideas across Art department



The Art Department is working hard to bring exciting experiences to our students, with incredible outcomes.

We are very proud of our GCSE art and photography Year 11 students. Congratulations on completing your exams. We wish you the best of luck on your new ventures.

Our Year 10 GCSE photographers have been exploring traditional Dark Room photography, with their own modern take. Unitising their photography from a recent field trip to Manchester, a full class took advantage of the Stockport sunshine to experiment with photographic cyanotype. This new technique went down a treat, with stunning results. Well Done Year 10.



Year 10



Creative works and ideas across Art department



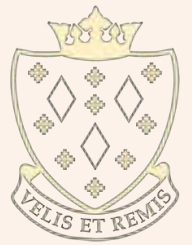
Día de los Muertos has landed in Year 9. Who have immersed themselves in the artistic splendour of Mexico's 'Day of the Dead', by designing their very own personalised sugar skulls.

Papier Picado has opened their imaginations to the detailed art form of paper cutting. Whereas the bold block shapes and strong lines of Sgraffito from ceramics, was used to create work inspired by Mexican textiles.



Year 9

Creative works and ideas across Art department



3D creations are in full swing through-out Year 8. The students have just finished some ornate Diwali inspired ceramic pinch pots. Then developed their skills further to construct Papier Mache biomorphic bowls, influenced by the artist Ernst Haeckel.

Year 8



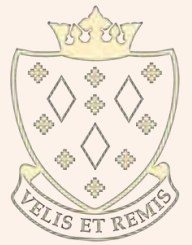
Year 7



In class, Year 7 have been developing their skills within drawing and ceramics, to produce some Hundertwasser inspired tiles, full of colour and character.

Year 7 Art Club have been gifted designers, customising their very own tote bag, using screen printing to make a one-of-a-kind fashion item, they can be proud to show off.

Year 10 Geography - Holderness Coast Trip



What a day on the beautiful Holderness coast. Students were outstanding!

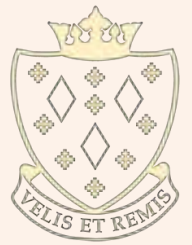
We collected primary data looking at the speed of Longshore drift and sediment on the beach as part of a geographical investigation "How do waves effect the Holderness coast?" This investigation is the first of two compulsory investigations which are examined in the geography final exams. Students had a lovely time on the beach.

We are super proud of you all!



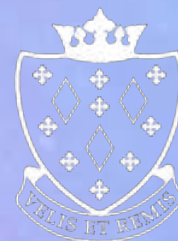
Year 8 Geography

Lady brook river trip

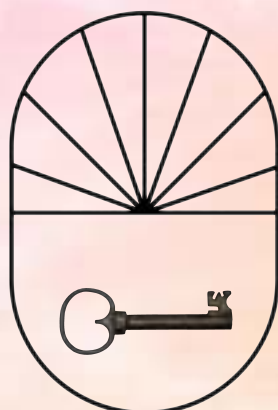


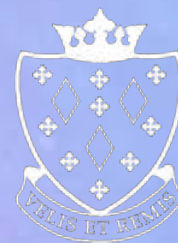
Well done to the fantastic Year 8 who were a pleasure when we visited the Lady brook river to collect primary data, as part of the geography curriculum. We had the most fantastic time looking at how rivers change across meanders. We collected data on the velocity and depth of the river as well as looking at the human impacts in the area.





Opening New Doors





**Celebrating new
opportunities and
experiences
across the school
community.**

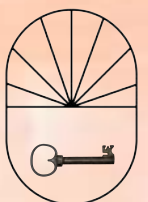
Bring Opera to Stockport School



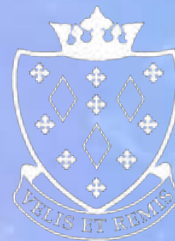
Stockport School were delighted to be contacted by Michael Jones from GM Opera Collective regarding a new opportunity for our students. Michael is an Operatic tenor who trained at the 'Royal Northern College of Music (RNCM)' and has performed internationally, as well as with a range of opera companies including the English National Opera, Hull Urban Opera, Northern Opera Group, and Radius Opera.



We were invited to take part in a pilot workshop with a long-term plan to collaborate with multiple schools across the Greater Manchester area. Fifty students from Years 7 to 10 got to work with Michael who inspired our students by allowing them to feel comfortable with their voices and the sounds they could make. He hooked them in with famous popular songs and before long they were singing an opera song by Offenbach, harmonising and tapping into registers of their voices that they didn't realise existed.



Performance to our new Mayor



Erin G (10V) and Lilly L (10V) performed at Stockport Town Hall for the inauguration of our new Mayor, Mark Hunter.

The letter below demonstrates how brilliantly they did in representing their school and local community.



TOWN HALL
STOCKPORT
SK1 3XE

3 June 2026

Dear Erin

I am writing to express my heartfelt thanks to you for your wonderful performance at the Mayor of Stockport's Civic Reception on 26 May 2026.

Your singing brought a real sense of joy and warmth to the occasion and helped make the reception such a memorable and uplifting event for everyone who attended. The care, enthusiasm and confidence you showed was truly impressive and it was clear how much effort you had put into preparing for the occasion.

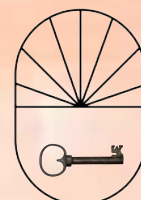
The Civic Reception is always a special moment in Stockport's calendar, and your contribution played an important part in creating a welcoming and celebratory atmosphere. Many people commented afterwards on how much they enjoyed your performance, and it was a pleasure to see the pride you took in representing your school and community.

Please pass on my thanks to your teachers and everyone involved in supporting you. I am very grateful that you gave your time and shared your talents so generously.

With my very best wishes to you all,

Yours sincerely

Councillor Mark Hunter
Mayor of Stockport



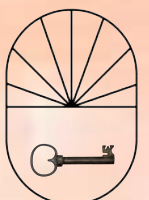
Stockport Rocks and 'The Doing Dementia Differently Dementia Choir'



Our incredible 'Doing Dementia Differently Intergenerational Choir' have been out in the Community performing this year and have had the opportunity to perform three times at Stockport County's Football Ground, Edgeley Park. The first time was for a performance on the 16th October for Stockport's Age UK 40th Anniversary celebrations. The choir performed during the afternoon as well as being given a fantastic tour of the stadium by Club President, 'Steve Bellis'.



In December the choir were contacted last minute by Stockport County inviting us to sing at their Match in the Courtyard and Pop Zone. Many of the choir were able to drop plans to get there with just two days to go and brought Christmas cheer to all those in attendance at the match.



Stockport Rocks and 'The Doing Dementia Differently Dementia Choir'



Finally, the choir had been spotted at the Age UK event and were invited to perform at a significant awards Ceremony in May called 'Stockport Rocks'. The awards ceremony brought together a huge amount of volunteers and businesses across Stockport. With 400 people in the audience, this was an incredibly high-profile event and the choir did us proud.



Performing 'Walking on Sunshine, Moon River and Mamma Mia', the entire room were clapping, dancing and singing along. There was not a dry eye in the house when Jess M (8L) sang a duet with one of our adult members Colin and the choir got a standing ovation at the end from many audience members. Erin G (10V) and Lilly L (10V) stayed on to perform a beautiful duet. The students were a huge credit to our school community, and we were inundated with people coming over to congratulate them.

Celebrating the rise of our Rock Bands



The Outliners

After forming just over a year ago, our Year 10 Band, 'The Outliners' have gone from strength to strength. They did a great job on their first gig at Open Evening back in October and went on to compete in the 'Battle of the Bands' at the Spinning Top in Stockport. Writing their own songs, they have been impressing listeners and are now starting to get gigs in the local pubs in the area. Keep up the fantastic work (Luca S, Harrison L, Sam R, Hari V).



Introducing our rock bands.

Seven of our Rock Bands performed on Wed 24th June and despite the heat did a fantastic job. We are so impressed with the drive, determination and professionalism of our upcoming bands.



Year 10 Band (Erin G, Lilly L, Grace B, Imogen G, Luca S)



Celebrating the rise of our Rock Bands



Umph (Year 9)- Will McC, Emily K, Megan G, Theo C, Evan T.



Our Secret (Year 8) – Sienna H, Freya H, Elma A, Rose L



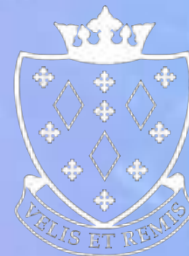
The Pyromaniacs (Year 8) – Sam W, Alfredo F-C, Josiah D, Seth P, Isaac M



Cool Kidz (Year 7, 9). Jasmine DV, Olivia B, Chelsea T, Bobby D, Noah B



Success after Stockport School



Help inspire the next generation. Join our Alumni Network and return to Stockport School to share your experiences, support our students and raise aspirations for their future.

Success after
STOCKPORT SCHOOL

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If you would like to get involved in any future events or careers talks, Scan the QR code below



Chapters Worth Remembering





Reflecting on
memorable
moments,
achievements and
experiences from
the year



The Maths Sparx Cup League Results



After a competitive term, the results of the Sparx Cup are in! With 4 teams remaining unbeaten in the league, the race to the top was tight. The winning teams of each league earned a pizza party, and the team with the highest completion was presented with the illustrious Sparx Cup.



We've seen many classes have an improvement in their homework completion over the weeks – the consistent reminders from parents make a difference! Well done to all students who have used this as an opportunity to improve their revision skills!

League Winners:
7xKJ (Miss Ahmed)
9yAT (Miss O'Gara)
10yMC (Mr Wright)
10xJN (Miss Parker)

Extra-credit Homework Science Rewards Trip



"We going to the zoo, zoo, zoo..."

As a reward for students engaging in extra-credit homework in science, we visited Chester Zoo to explore animals, plants and their ecosystems.

The students were amazing!

It was a swelteringly hot day, but we were still treated to many wonderful viewings. Elegant flamingos, huge elephants, thousands of locusts and, of course, cheeky meerkats.

We also ran a photography competition, and we were very impressed with all the entries submitted. Head judge Mrs Grzywna has agreed the following finalists based on the quality of the photo.



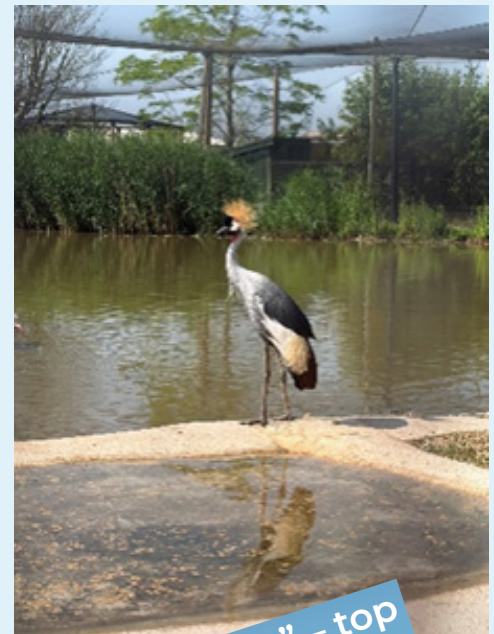
For the depth of layers whilst maintaining focus on the central feature, which illustrates an essential ecosystem.

Emily



Framing technique – using the blurred focus in the foreground with the elephant appearing behind in full focus.

Jess



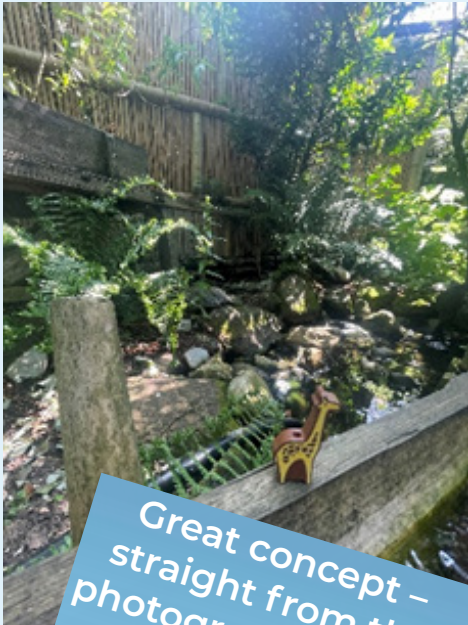
"Rule of thirds" – top background, middle focus on the crane and the bottom capturing its reflection.

Emily

Extra-credit Homework Science Rewards Trip



Mrs Grzywna, Mrs Harris and Mr Griffin would like to give a shout-out to the following photos which have tried to apply what the students learn in photography lessons or are simply nice photos!



Great concept – straight from the photography lesson on forced scale on perspective.

George



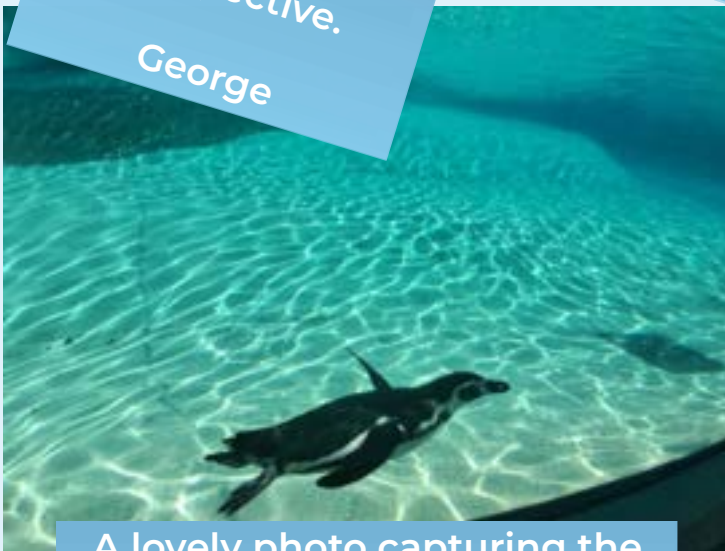
“Eating lunch in the sun” – A lovely photo.

Amy



“Just chilling”
Capturing a moment in time using photography.

Fiona



A lovely photo capturing the movement of the penguin gliding through the water, with the air bubbles, and the intriguing pattern of light.

Alfredo



“Hello”

Capturing a personal connection to the Komodo dragon.

Fiona

Well done to all the students on the rewards trip, and we look forward to more extra-credit homework next year!

Collaborative project with the Northern Chamber Orchestra and Feeder Primaries



What an incredible day we had on 10th March at Stockport School! 107 of our students, along with 70 brilliant primary pupils from Great Moor, Dial Park and St George's, joined forces with the Northern Chamber Orchestra to create a concert we'll never forget. In the evening, 63 students returned to the stage for a stunning performance that truly showcased their talent, teamwork and passion for music.



The project is only possible due to a collaboration that has been fostered over the years with CDL Software, the Northern Chamber Orchestra and professional musician Matthew Sharp who flies over from France to join us each year.

Collaborative project with the Northern Chamber Orchestra and Feeder Primaries



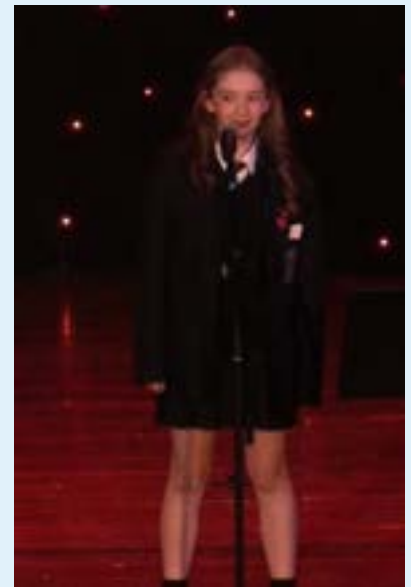
This year's evening performance featured something extra special this year. Imagine composing a piece for your GCSEs, then hearing it performed by a professional orchestra and a world-renowned cellist. This is exactly what happened for Josh S (11M) who heard his composition 'The Guardian Angels' performed by the Orchestra with Matthew Sharp playing the solo part. We are so proud of Josh and want to wish him all the best of luck with his future ventures pursuing a career in music.



Year 7 Concert and Interhouse Music Competition



Form tutors, Staff, Heads of Year, Year 7 Students, Year 11 helpers and Parents all joined together on a night to remember. Through the truly entertaining evening, students in Year 7 were able to develop a wide range of transferable skills through building their confidence, teamwork, grit, managing nerves, memorising lyrics, co-ordinating moves, organising themselves, developing listening skills, being respectful, understanding how to look professional and set the right impression, thinking about posture and performance skills, stepping up as student leaders and supporting their teams.



A huge well done to all students who also performed solo or duet numbers. Aria F, Florence C, Ella W, Emelia L, Emmi H, Fionn P, Isabella G, Isla S, Joanna I, Joel W, Jose C-H, Layla B, Nieve H, Millie S, Noah P, Rey A, Sarah G, Faith G, Sophia W and Lexi N. The resilience and talent resulted in one of our best Year 7 Concerts to date. Well done everyone.

Year 7 Concert and Interhouse Music Competition



A record 91 students were involved in this years Christmas Concert. It was an incredible night showcasing all the amazing musical talent at Stockport School. The hardwork, resilience, confidence, kindness, unity and determination shown was incredible. We heard performances from a range of ensembles including the Concert Band, Musical Theatre Pop Choir, Doing Dementia Differently Choir, Guitar Group and a number of Rock Bands. In addition, many students put themselves forward to take solo spots. Two students were recognised for their incredible musicianship. Sam W (8V) won the annual 'Musician of the Year Award' and Isaac W (11) was recognised for his 'Outstanding Progress'.



MFL enrichment



We have been busy in the MFL department since Christmas with a number of fun and popular enrichment activities.

February saw our extremely popular Crêpe Café in honour of Karneval / Carnival, with MFL staff making and serving pancakes to over 50 students.



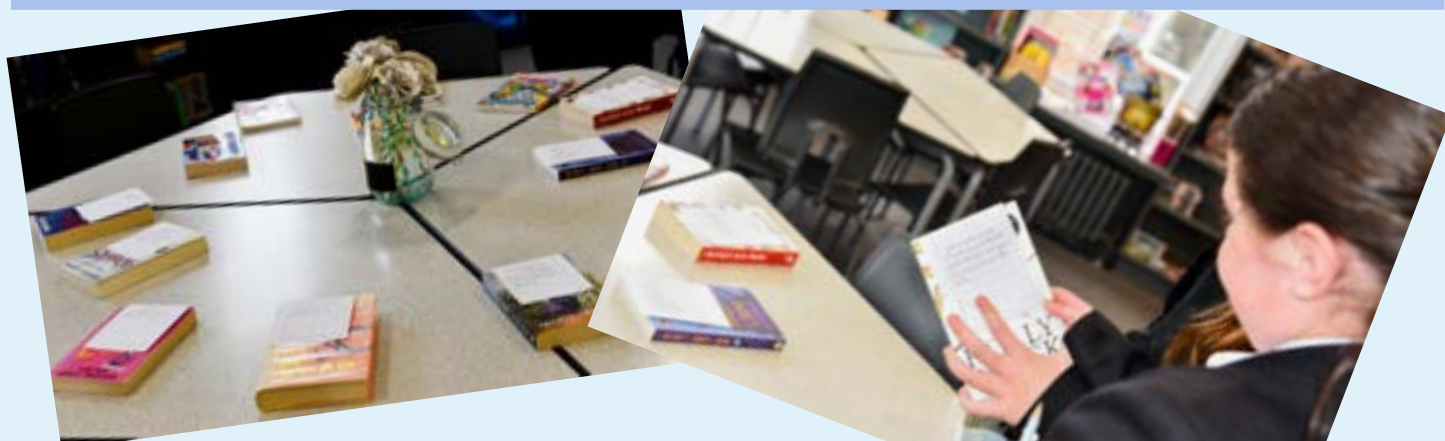
In April we completed an egg hunt with a twist, finding out key facts about how Easter is celebrated in different European countries, and won by Josh T of 8L.

MFL enrichment



April 23rd is St George's day, not only in England but also in Barcelona and its surrounding areas in Spain, where books and roses are given. In partnership with the LRC we ran a book swap for students and staff alike, with handmade paper roses made by the craft club for sale.

A variety of books of varying genres were available, and the surplus will be used at Christmas 2026 when Jólabókaflóð (the Icelandic book flood) will return – watch this space!



Finally, Fête de la Musique is a much-loved celebration in June in France where musicians of all kinds take to the streets for a music festival.

At Stockport School MFL and Concert Band joined forces thanks to Mrs Didcote's amazing scoring of French hit 'Rockollection' by Laurent Voulzy (suggested by Ms Maitrias).

Staff and students who don't normally play in the band joined the Concert Band for a one-off jamming session of the song, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed.



Year 10 GCSE Drama students performance



Our lovely Year 10 GCSE Drama students performed their version of DNA by Dennis Kelly and modernised version of Macbeth by William Shakespeare at the end of 2025. Their determination and professionalism to put on such great pieces was an inspiration. In a short space of time, they collaborated with maturity and developed characters to achieve such wonderful performances. Well Done Year 10.



Year 9 Early Entry Drama students performance



Also, a shout out to our Year 9 Early Entry Drama Students who shared their extracts of DNA, Macbeth and Blood Brothers with their families and friends in May 2026- what a great evening of performance. Their confidence and stage presence has developed massively over the past few months, and we are very proud of them all.



Year 10 Dance Workshop and Trip



Our year 10 students went on a trip to Manchester college to watch the dance show, this is helping to show the year 10 students future education routes in dance



Our year 10 dance students took part in a fantastic commercial dance workshop with professional dancer Hannah Bates

Summer Dance Show 2026



Well done to all dance and cheer students performed in the Summer Dance Show, it was amazing!



UKCA National Schools Championship



On Saturday 28th June, 20 students represented Stockport School at the UKCA National Schools Championship. The team were incredible all day!



We were incredibly PROUD of all the students, they:

- Created a **POSITIVE** atmosphere by cheering for other teams
- Demonstrated their **RESPECT** for all the volunteers on the day
- Made the most of their **OPPORTUNITY** to impress the judges
- Showed fantastic **UNITY** in supporting one another on and off the mat
- Highlighted their **DETERMINATION** to do well by reviewing their performance afterwards

Our team were up against 5 other Level 2 KS4 teams, many of which were made up almost entirely of Year 10 and Year 11 students, so our team of mostly KS3 students had a real challenge ahead of them. The team performed incredibly well with some of the best timing and energy we've seen all year. Well done Stockport Sparks!

Sporting Success



Congratulations to Y11 boys who were crowned this year's Stockport SFA league champions!



Sporting Success



Congratulations to Miss Watson and her U14 girls who were the champions of U14's Cup! Amazing achievement!



Massive well done to our U15s who played in their final at Edgeley Park. We were all so proud of you and it was an amazing experience and memories to last a life time!



Sporting Success



A brilliant 2nd place out of 8 Stockport Secondary schools for our talented athletes on today's Quadkids. Looking forward to seeing them progress in the upcoming competitions!



Our girls walked away as semi finalists at their cricket tournament! Well done girls!

Sporting Success



Well done to our Y8, Y9 & Y10 athletes who won a series of medals at the athletics event!



Sporting Success



Well done to the KS3 Basketball team who played against Laurus Cheadle Hulme



Incredible first time out for the Year 7 Basketball team, getting through to the semi finals of the Stockport Schools Cup

Sporting Success



We were fortunate to take some of our girls over to Women & Girls Cricket Cheshire to develop our cricket skills and play some softball games!



Well done to our KS3 girls who had a great opportunity at PowerLeague!

Sporting Success



Y7 Y8 Netball team



Y8 girls rounders team





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